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When I was in Moscow this summer, I held a press conference in the city and informed the Russian people and the media that this was a bad direction for Russia to take. We must with all of our bipartisan effort reach out and ask President Putin to pardon Ed Pope and let him return to his family.

Mr. Speaker, on a down side and a negative tone, if you want to convict someone in this process, it would be Bill Clinton and AL GORE, because during the first few months of Ed Pope's imprisonment, our State Department and White House were silent. They did not say anything. In fact, the initial response of our ambassador was that it is a private matter between our citizen and the Russian government. Only after the media raised these questions did the administration finally begin to raise the issue of Ed Pope. President Clinton and Vice President AL GORE should have demanded the release of Ed Pope but they did not. And so Ed Pope was convicted.

And now I relate to my colleagues my greatest concern. My fear from sources inside of Russia just last week told me that Ed Pope will be offered in exchange for a convicted Russian spy or a spy that Russia supports in our country. And if we are asked to trade a convicted person who did crimes against this country for an innocent man, it means this administration has allowed us to be sucked into a situation where we may be forced to trade someone who was a convicted criminal to get someone back who is an innocent citizen.

Russia needs to release Ed Pope, because Ed Pope is innocent, because Ed Pope has health problems, because his father is dying. There should be no quid pro quo. Russia should not expect to get a convicted spy in this country in return. This administration had better stand up for this American citizen, unlike the other American citizens whose rights have been abused over the past several years, like Lieutenant Jack Daley, like Notra Trulock, like Ed McCallum, like Jay Stuart, and like others who have been prosecuted for simply doing their job.

I call upon my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to demand the Russian president release Ed Pope, send him back to his family, and in no way allow the Russians to receive a convicted spy in this country in return for that action.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULSHOF). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) at 7 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 128, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-1025) on the resolution (H. Res. 669) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res 128) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 129, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-1026) on the resolution (H. Res. 670) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 129) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of Rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill during the recess today:

H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness.

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a travel delay.

Mr. FOSSELLA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of his son's hospitalization.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1066. An act to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to encourage the use of and research into agricultural best practices to improve the environment, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Agriculture; in addition to the Committee on Science for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ENROLLED BILL AND A JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2415. An act to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 127. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, December 8, 2000, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

11223. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fludioxonil; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301083; FRL-6756-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received December 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11224. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Avermectin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301079; FRL-6754-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received December 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.